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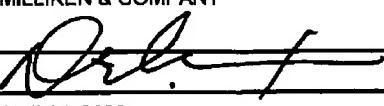
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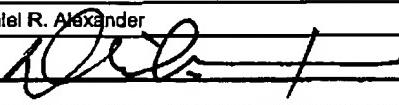
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Group Art Unit: 1771  
Examiner: Befumo, Jenna Leigh

**Request For Continued Examination**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114(a) of the above-identified application.

A submission as required is provided herewith in the form of previously submitted Amendment "B" filed February 19, 2003 which was not entered. Entry of such amendment is requested prior to commencement of continued examination.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the advisory action that the proposed amendment overcomes the outstanding rejection based on U.S. Patent 4,712,281 to Scheller.

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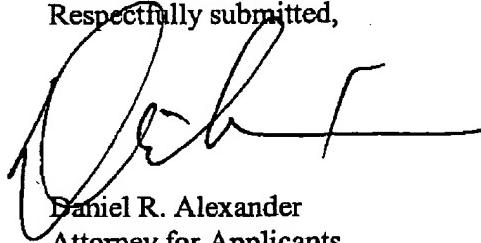
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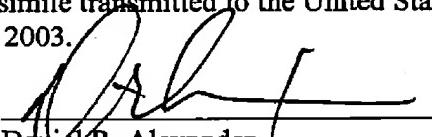
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